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SUBJECT:ICAO AIR SECURITY CONFERENCE: ARAB ISRAELI ISSUE

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1. PRECISIONS SET OUT IN "LEGAL BRIEF" DEVELOPED BY
DELEGATION ESTABLISH USEFUL POINTS OF REFERENCE FOR
DEVELOPING OR COUNTERING SPECIFIC ARGUMENTS IN CONSULTATIVE
DISCUSSIONS OUTSIDE PLENARY. OUR VIEW IS A STRICT LEGAL
CASE WILL NOT IN LONG RUN BE THE PERSUASIVE ELEMENT IN
ADVANCING US OBJECTIVES ON THIS ISSUE. (GUIDANCE ON THESE
REMAINS AS SET OUT IN STATE 169577.) IN KEEPING WITH THIS
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WE ASSUME DELEGATION DOES NOT INTEND TO CIRCULATE BBIEF IN

ANY FORM, AND WOULD SEEK AUTHORIZATION BEFORE DOING SO.

2. AS TACTICAL CONSIDERATION, WE QUESTION THOUGHT CONTAINED IN PARA IB OF BRIEF THAT IT WOULD BE HOPE AND DESIRE OF US THAT DRAFT RESOLUTION MIGHT BE "BROADLY CIRCULATED" BEFORE FORMAL INTRODUCTION. ON CONTRARY WE BELIEVE THAT ACCEPTANCE OF LANGUAGE CHANGES WE LIKELY WILL WISH IN INITIAL LEBANESE DRAFT WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BEST AT ROME, AS WAS CASE IN NEW YORK AND MONTREAL, BY INTIMATE COLLABORATION IN FIRST INSTANCE BETWEEN US AND LEBANON. IT WAS WITH THIS IN MIND THAT AUGUST 25 DEMARCHE WAS MADE IN BEIRUT, AND LEBANESE RESPONSE (BEIRUT 10055) REASSURES US OF LEBANESE COMPREHENSION OF IMPORTANCE OF PRIOR US-LEBANESE COLLABORATION ON TEXT. UNLESS LOCAL CONSIDERATIONS DICTATE

OTHERWISE, SOMETHING US REPRESENTATIVE IS BEST POSITIONED TO JUDGE, WE FEEL US SHOULD TAKE MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF LEBANESE UNDERTAKING TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH US DELEGATION BEFORE CIRCULATING ANY TEXT.

3. WE WOULD CAUTION AGAINST USE OF PHRASE "DEBARMENT" TO CHARACTERIZE MOVE WHICH MAY MATERIALIZE TO RESTRICT SCOPE OF ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATION. THIS OVERSTATEMENT COULD INTRODUCE FURTHER CONFUSION, WHILE LEAVING UNFORTUNATE ILLUSION IF ACCOMPLISHED.

4. A FEW FURTHER COMMENTS ON SUBSTANTIVE POINTS COVERED IN BRIEF WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTEL. RUSH

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